

REMARKS

By virtue of this Amendment, Applicant cancels claim 34 without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments to claims 1-33 place the claims in proper form for US practice and are not implemented to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. Other amendments have been made to broaden the claims, remove multiple dependencies from the claims and/or remove/change any phrases unique to European practice.

In view of the above, Applicant earnestly solicits an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-33.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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